



## A Great Opportunity.

It is necessary to limit the number who desire to come, so as not to overcrowd the church. Admission is by tickets to regular delegates, and these about fill the North Ward Church. — *Account of District Conference in Korea written November 28, 1908.*

THE testimony of those who know the field is that with adequate force and equipment Korea can be evangelized within the next ten years. Politically helpless, religiously destitute, commercially poor, stripped, bruised, and hopeless, a whole people are turning to God. The blessing of the poor in spirit is theirs. For four years a steady revival of great depth and power has been going on. Mr. John R. Mott said after visiting the East: "I know of no mission field where larger or more substantial results have been secured in proportion to expenditure than in Korea." He prophesied that it would be the first non-Christian nation to become Christian.

Years ago there was a similar oppor

tunity in Japan; but the Church failed to seize it, and it passed. Now the task is manifold more difficult. The same story will be repeated in Korea unless we meet the crisis that is before us bravely and earnestly. One missionary writes: "The Buddhists are taking on activity and building temples and opening schools. Some of us out here who are giving our lives—our all—to this work cannot understand the apathy shown by so many to the work that lies so near our hearts." Mr. T. H. Yun, that noble Korean who resigned the honors and emoluments of official position to become a humble teacher of a Methodist mission school at Songdo, might well say the same thing.

The laymen of the Holston Conference have started a great movement in that Conference to raise \$50,000 to strengthen and push forward the work in Korea. The lay leader, Maj. A. D. Reynolds, assisted by Rev. C. G. Hounshell, who has had seven years' experience as a missionary in Korea, is conducting the campaign, carrying out the resolution adopted by the laymen at the last session of Conference to undertake the raising of this amount.

This amount will aid tremendously in

the evangelization of the 2,000,000 souls included in the territory allotted to the M. E. Church, South, as hers alone.

It will help to equip that school at Songdo which Mr. Yun started in an old ginseng shed and which has grown so marvelously. This school will furnish teachers and preachers trained to carry on the work of evangelization begun by the missionaries.

This \$50,000 will also furnish means for healing the diseases and soothing the sufferings of these poor sheep in the wilderness. The much-needed hospital at Wonsan will be as a lighthouse on a stormy sea to thousands of souls who are ignorant of the laws of health. It has been delayed too long already.

There is need of some churches which this fund of the Holston laymen will help us to build. The Koreans, even in their deep poverty, build their own churches in the villages and country, without expense to the Board, but in the cities that is impossible. There churches of a better and more permanent type than they are able to erect are needed. We need at once a good church at Seoul, the capital. The progress of our work demands it.

Our new station at Choon Chun must be furnished with adequate buildings. This is the last station needed to reach our territory. It will be a center of evangelizing activities over a large area. From this center the native preachers will carry the gospel, under the direction of the missionaries, to the outlying villages.

In short, \$50,000 will go far to put our missionaries in shape to completely evangelize one whole field. What an inspiring opportunity! No nobler object can be conceived for a combined effort.

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